Campus Planning Committee  
January 27, 2008 2:00-4:00 p.m.  
Phelps Hall 1172

**Members Present:** Todd Lee, Rolf Christoffersen, Marc Fisher, Joel Michaelsen, Gene Lucas, Donna Carpenter, David Marshall, Richard Watts, Donna Coyne, John Wiemann, Michael Young, Michael Witherell  
**Members Absent:** Matt Tirrell, Amber Gonzalez, J.P. Primeau, Bjorn Birnir, Vickie Scott  
**Alternates Present:** Chris LaVino

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Assistant Chancellor Todd Lee announced that the State Budget was released at the end of last month. The budget will go from a $14.8 billion deficit to a $41.6 billion in the 2009-10 fiscal year unless actions are taken to implement both expenditure reductions and revenue increases proposed by the Governor. The Governor has proposed a range of strategies including expenditure reductions, revenue increases, borrowing and fund shifts. There will be no increases in the UC Budget for 2009-10. There will be a $33.1 million one time cut and a permanent UC budget cut effective mid-year of $65.5 million. The Department of Finance took action to reduce the entire amount of compact funding as an “unallocated reduction” to the UC and CSU budgets. While the DOF built in these funding assumptions to the UC budget, they subsequently deleted this identical amount as an “unallocated reduction” of $209.9 million. The Governor’s budget also recognized an increase in mandatory system wide student fees for UC of 9.3 % in the 2009-10 academic year. In the General Government portion of the State Budget, the Governor provided $20 million to restart the state employer contribution to the UC retirement system. This represents the first time in 19 years that the state has provided funds for this purpose. UC Regents requested $842.4 million in Capital Outlay; of that 57% percent is included in the budget mostly as lease revenue bonds. Our Davidson Library Addition and Renewal project is included for $64.7 million. Assistant Chancellor Lee believes we are looking at equivalent cuts for next year.

II. MINUTES

The minutes from November 25th were approved as written.

III. ACTION ITEMS

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Davidson Library Addition and Renewal Schematic Design

Executive Vice Chancellor Gene Lucas introduced the project and provided a recap of its history. The current project is proposed as both an addition and renewal. University Librarian, Brenda Johnson, explained that the original plan was mainly focused on compact shelving and storage of books and journals. The concept has expanded to include contemporary functions of the library such as instructional spaces, instructional technology, collaborate group space, social computing tools, collaborate spaces for faculty as well as open access publishing. The addition will program space for exhibits and student/donor events. The envisioned addition will provide an ample amount of flexible open space for students.

Associate Vice Chancellor Marc Fisher presented the project to the Committee. The project will be presented to The Regents in March. The new addition will be on the north side of Library. A new paseo connecting the east and west side of library is planned. The paseo will make movement through the complex easier and allow for centralization of services. A second entrance to the library, mainly servicing the addition is programmed which will create a new center for the library. The addition and renewal aims to make the library more people/user friendly with easy passageways and navigation. The proposed café in the Addition was received with enthusiasm from the committee, although it is not currently funded in the project.
Associate Vice Chancellor Fisher explained that the Ucen is extremely interested in the café project and would most likely fund the construction of the food facility. The project also includes moving the Arts library into the main library.

The Addition will have both a public and private side. The “traditional” special collection area will be segregated from rest of the library addition on the top floor. All space at the edge of the Addition is designed for student study space. About 1,200 seats will be added to the library. University Librarian Johnson has requested free furniture to be placed in these areas for reconfiguration and flexibility, very much like the Student Resource Building. The addition can function essentially as its own building and could potentially be open to students 24/7. These study areas would combine quiet/private study space with group study space. Furthermore, exhibit space and student programmable space will be integrated in the addition. The project also includes a digital media room, computer rooms and wireless internet access throughout the building. The architects have included many green features in the building. Materials include sandstone, concrete, plaster (mainly façade), metal and glass.

The renewal will include fire and life safety improvements and will seismically upgrade the existing library with a new sprinkler system. The project was 30% over budget (about $15 million). After schematic design, the project is now only $1-2 million over. Currently, the project does not include the café, paseo and auditorium. These items will be put in as separate, possibly donor funded projects in the future. Staging, principally for books, is presently unfunded. The project is estimated to start construction one year from now. Davidson Library Addition and Renewal schematic design will come back to CPC in one month as an action item.

B. 2010-2015 Five-Year State Funded Capital Program

Director Martie Levy explained that this has been an unusually chaotic period related to Capital Development in California. In December, the Pool Money Investment Board (PMIB), voted to freeze all funds for state supported capital projects due to an inability to sell short-term bonds. PMIB staff reported that without the freeze funding would be in deficit by June this year. In December, the DOF issued a budget letter freezing all capital funding in the state of California. In January, PMIB voted to make available $650 million, which will mostly be used to cover costs incurred in December but did agree to allow a small number of projects to continue until February. Our Education and Social Sciences Building while in UC’s priority level A group did not receive PMIB approval for continued funding.

Director Levy explained that the current market will not buy state bonds because no one has trust that the state of California has the revenue to pay bonds. Because everything has been frozen, now there is a huge backlog of projects. On the positive side, it does appear that the market is getting better. Director Levy noted that a favorable market is completely contingent on whether California passes a realistic budget in the near future. In December the campus received a drawdown payment for ESSB. We only have $7.6 million of State funds that we have not received. With this funding and approved gift related funding, the project has sufficient funding through March. The Cost suspending or terminating the project, which will be more than 85% complete by April, is estimated to be over $6 million. Therefore the campus is exploring with UCOP external financing options should state money not be available.

Director Levy feels our Engineering II project is not in jeopardy because only $5 million of the $15 million project is funded with state money. Projects that are impacted and frozen are our Arts building, Infrastructure Renewal Phase I, Phelps Hall Renovation and Infrastructure Phase II. UCSB is actually in a good position compared to other campuses. Most projects on our campus are through and few projects are under construction. Director Levy feels confident we will be able to keep going for now.
Five year planning is very difficult due to these circumstances. Office of the President is telling the campuses to assume their same target for next year (ours was $110-111 million). Director Levy presented two options for five year planning; 1) move everything out a year, which will use up about $104 million and 2) accelerate our seismic correction project, Music Building. In this case, the Music Building project would primarily be a renovation not an addition. Lastly, UC is trying to get ready for when federal stimulus funds will become available for capital projects. Director Levy speculates that the money will primarily go for infrastructure and renewal projects.

C. Sedgwick Residence Project and Schematic Design

Vice Chancellor Mike Witherell introduced the project by informing the Committee that our natural reserves are an important part of the teaching, research and public service mission of this university. Santa Barbara has the best set of reserves in the UC system. The Sedgwick Reserve is a large part of these reserves, although the property came without an endowment. The director’s residence was part of the Sedgwick Reserve Infrastructure Master Plan, which came before CPC in 2001. The Chancellor approved the project’s EIR in 2004.

A donor has agreed to gift a building to the reserve as a turnkey building, which will function as the director’s residence. The Ranch House, which currently serves as the director’s residence, will be renovated as a research center and housing facility for visiting researchers. The proposed building is a small three bedroom two bathroom 1,200 square foot L shaped prefabricated home built by Xontah Builders. The structure is well insulated, constructed of drywall on the interior and hardy board on the exterior. The residence will have a metal roof (due to fire hazardous area) and will have a veranda similar to other buildings on site. The goal is to match the director’s residence with the newly constructed Tipton Meeting House. The donor has offered the residence and money to construct the road leading to the house. The reserve is responsible for getting utilities to the site. They are hoping to completely power the building with solar energy. The EIR for this project has been completed and expected construction will begin this year. The Sedgwick Residence Project will come back next month for final action.

IV. INFORMATION & FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

A. Status Report: Special Projects Subcommittee
No report.

B. Status Report: Design Review Committee
Associate Vice Chancellor Marc Fisher reported that DRC met and reviewed and approved the Davidson Library and Sedgwick Residence projects, as well as, a plan for Library Mall which will come to CPC next month. They have started initial work for creating a landscape subcommittee.

C. Status Report: Faculty & Staff Housing
Assistant Chancellor Lee reported that they have been meeting with Olson Developers regarding Sierra Madre. All the required information is to the Coastal Commission except the Restoration Plan. He added that they are still negotiating as to when the University would be mandated to purchase a home that wasn’t sold to a faculty or staff member. Assistant Chancellor Lee reported that they are making positive progress on the ground lease. Pricing will start as low as $350,000 and range as high as $600,000 for single-family homes. Joel Michealsen reported that he held a faculty staff-housing meeting to focus more on staff participation in housing. Sierra Madre will have some rental for staff. Right now, we don’t have a clear way to prioritize staff members interested in University housing.

D. Status Report: Student Housing
Richard Watts reported that a meeting was held at Loma Pelona Community Center at Manzanita Village, which is now fully operational. They discussed a new fee assessment of 3%
that will help cover budget cuts in Administrative Services. This will generate additional income of $1.5 million. The decreases in operating expenses will come from operational reductions that will not impact the targeted rate increases. Housing rates will not be raised to accommodate additional assessments to cover budget cuts. There will be an increase of 3% for undergraduates and 4% for graduate students. These projected housing rates will put UCSB at the bottom in price for student housing as compared to other UC campuses.

E. Status Report: Major Capital Projects
Included in agenda packet.

G. Long Range Development Plan- vision 2025
Executive Vice Chancellor Lucas reported that five chapters of the LRDP’s environmental impact report have been rewritten. The transportation piece, which mainly looks at the impact into roadways and, especially, intersections, has been modified. In regards to water, Executive Vice Chancellor Lucas understands that the Goleta Water District has the capacity to accommodate the expected campus growth outlined in the LRDP. Other rewritten chapters include air quality, carbon footprint and global warming, and phasing housing with population growth and associated wastewater. March 18th is the last day for public comment. A public workshop will be held to address these revisions. There are some questions about projected enrollment growth given the current economic conditions and the trend to limit enrollment in the short-term.

V. Correspondence

Next meeting will be held on February 24, 2008

Meeting adjourned at 3:45PM
Minutes taken by Jasmine Weiss, Office of Budget & Planning